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Amendment No. 3 to HB2530

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2949

House Bill No. 2530*

by deleting all language following the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-101(a)(2)(A), is amended by designating the current language as subdivision (i) thereof and by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision thereof:

(ii) If it is determined by the court, based upon a prior order or reliable evidence, that a parent has willfully abandoned a child for a period of eighteen (18) months, as the term is used in §36-6-406(a)(1), then the abandoning parent's residential time, as provided in the permanent or temporary parenting plan, shall be limited. This subdivision shall not be construed to prevent such a parent from being granted limited visitation with the child. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to apply to children in the legal custody of the department of children's services.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.